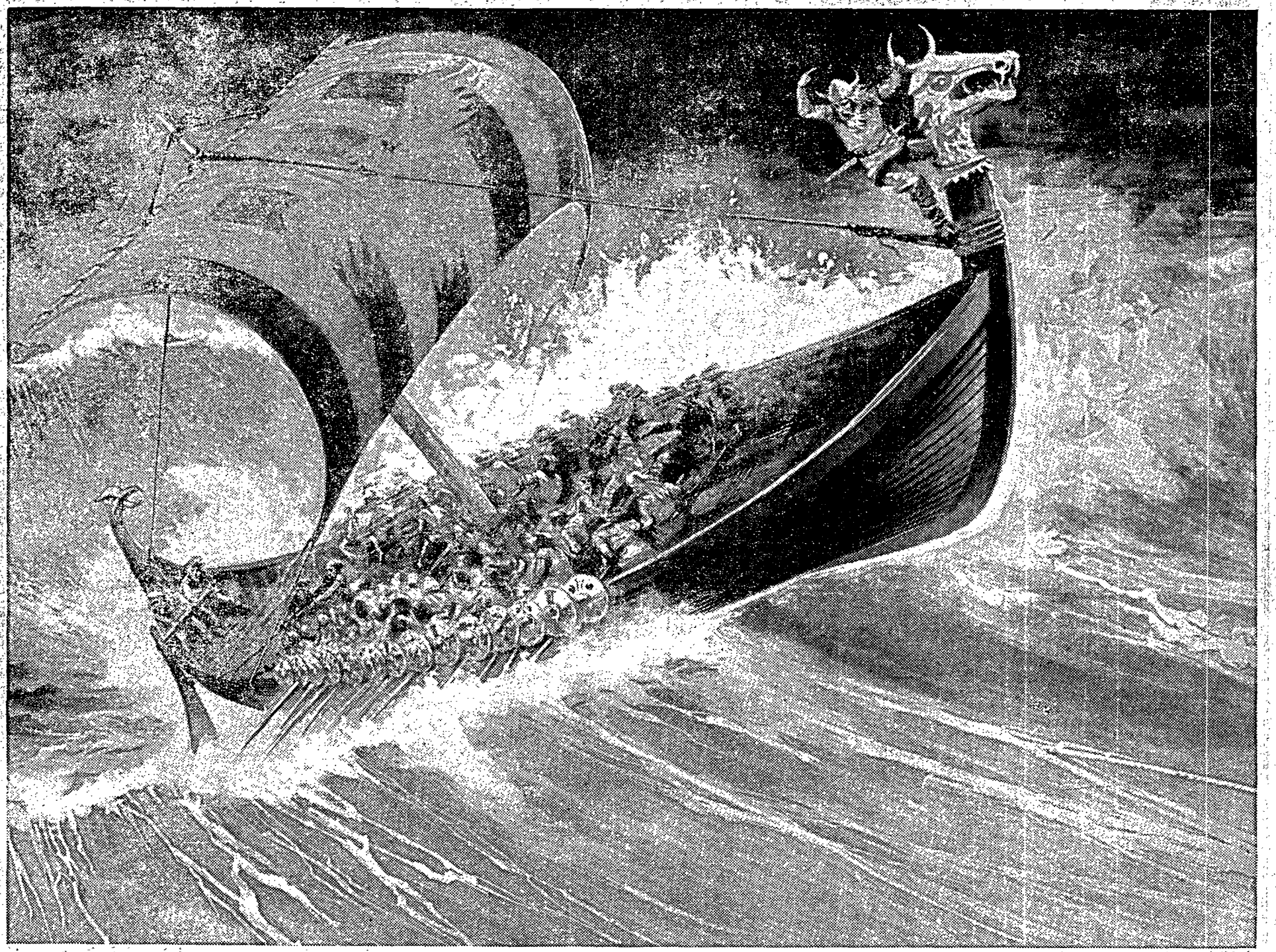
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CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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DISCOVERERS OF AMERICA

Were the Vikings 500 Years Before Columbus?

IT now appears that Viking sea-warriors in a big open boat with long oars and a sail were the first and real discoverers of America—500 years before the voyage of Columbus.

A Norwegian explorer, Dr. Helge Ingstad, has found what he considers conclusive evidence, for which experts have been searching for years, of a Viking landing in the New World. Near a little fishing village on the northern tip of Newfoundland, he has discovered the remains of nine Viking houses and a primitive blacksmith's forge. Two American experts have visited the spot and confirmed Dr. Ingstad's verdict.

An account of a wonderful voyage has long been known in one of the Icelandic Sagas (stories, handed down from father to son, of the great Viking age). These sagas were written down, by order of the Icelandic parliament, about 50 years after the Norman Conquest of England, and one of them tells how a Viking named Leif Ericsson tried to take Christianity to Greenland, which the gallant Viking ships (some of them still preserved near Oslo) had already reached from Iceland.

This missionary attempt was made at the command of the king of Norway in A.D. 999 (Columbus reached Hispaniola, in the Gulf of Mexico, in 1492). The saga tells how Leif was driven off course to the southward and reached a land he called Vinland. But, until the other day, nobody could be sure where the mysterious Vinland was. Now it looks as if Dr. Ingstad has located it.

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POP SPOT!

Beginning next week an exciting new series about pop music and pop stars

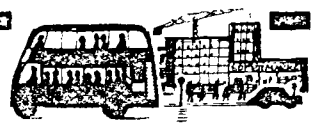
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THE BEATLES

Don't Miss It!

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IN BRITAIN NOW



A BOOK COMES HOME — AFTER 100 YEARS

The British Museum has had returned to it a book which was stolen more than a century ago. It is a volume of the Thomason Tracts, described by Thomas Carlyle as the "most valuable set of documents . . . for informing the English what the English were in former times."

In about 1640, George Thomason, a London bookseller, set about collecting a copy of every book, pamphlet, and newspaper printed in England as it came from the Press. By 1661, when he ceased his task, Thomason had collected more than 22,000 separate pieces, which he then had bound in some 2,000 volumes, and carefully catalogued.

After his death, in 1666, the volumes came into the hands of Samuel Mearne, the royal bookseller and binder. A century later they were purchased from his family by George the Third and presented to the British Museum.

Sometime before 1847, the volume containing tracts for the years 1648-51 was stolen. Eventually it turned up in the archives of Georgetown University, in Washington, USA. The University has just been celebrating its 175th anniversary, and to mark the occasion it has returned the Thomason volume to the British Museum.

KEEP WARM — AND GROW



While most of Europe was freezing, this girl at a flower nursery near Truro, Cornwall, had a nice bunch of early daffodils to show — grown inside under glass.

HOME ON THE BARGE

There is to be a new kind of youth hostel at Selby, in the West Riding—a barge converted to take 30 holidaymaking YHA members.

Moored on the canal near Selby Bridge, the *Sabrina* is 70 feet long, 18 feet wide, and ten feet deep. When converted into a hostel, which will cost the West Riding Regional Group of the YHA about £1,000, the barge-cum-hostel will have four dormitories, a common room, and a galley ("kitchen" to all non-nautical types).

NEW LIFE FOR AN OLD CANAL

The Stratford-upon-Avon canal, which has been closed to navigation for 35 years, is to be re-opened in July.

To mark the occasion, the Inland Waterways Association is planning a National Rally of Boats, a festival which will last a week. More than 200 boats are expected to take part in events on the canal, which has been made navigable again after three years' work by the National Trust.

COLD GAS AT FELIXSTOWE

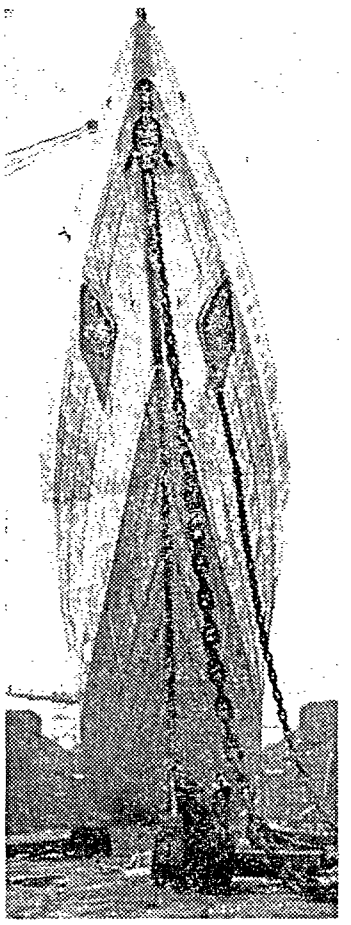
A refrigerated tank for storing the liquid gas known as propane is to be built in a small dock at Felixstowe, Suffolk. The tank, 172 feet in diameter and 108 feet high, will be the biggest of its kind in Britain.

The liquid gas will be brought to Britain from the United States in a specially-designed tanker which can carry 13,700 tons of propane. The vessel will berth at Felixstowe's new oil terminal, due to be completed in the spring.

ROMAN TOOTH PICK

A well-preserved example of a complete bronze Roman spoon has just been discovered in river dredgings at Basildon, Berkshire.

It had a pointed end which was used for removing snails from their shells, and as a toothpick.



OVERHAULED FOR 1964

The big liner *Queen Elizabeth*, in dry dock at Southampton for her yearly overhaul, dwarfs the men beneath her

It seems to me...

ON our centre pages this week we are featuring two schools which obviously take a very lively interest in things outside the classroom. As you will see, one is a school which has opened its own bank, while the other has a splendid and unusual band.

I wonder how many of you go to schools which do unusual things like this? I should be very pleased to hear from you if you do.

You can write me a letter, which I'll be glad to publish if I think it's good enough. Or, if you're feeling more ambitious, you can try a short article—of, say, 200-400 words (that's about 1-2 ordinary exercise book pages).

So . . . how about seeing your name in print!

The Editor

Coming Events

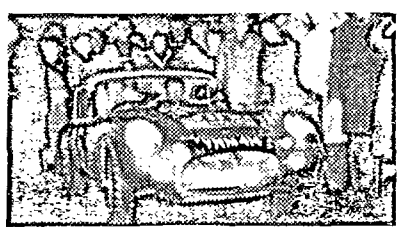


◀ LONDON: Royal Albert Hall. Ballet from The Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow, until 19th January



LONDON: Shaftesbury Theatre. *Billy Bunter Meets Magic*, at 2.30 p.m. until 18th January ▶





LONDON: Olympia. International Hotel and Catering Exhibition until 30th January ▲

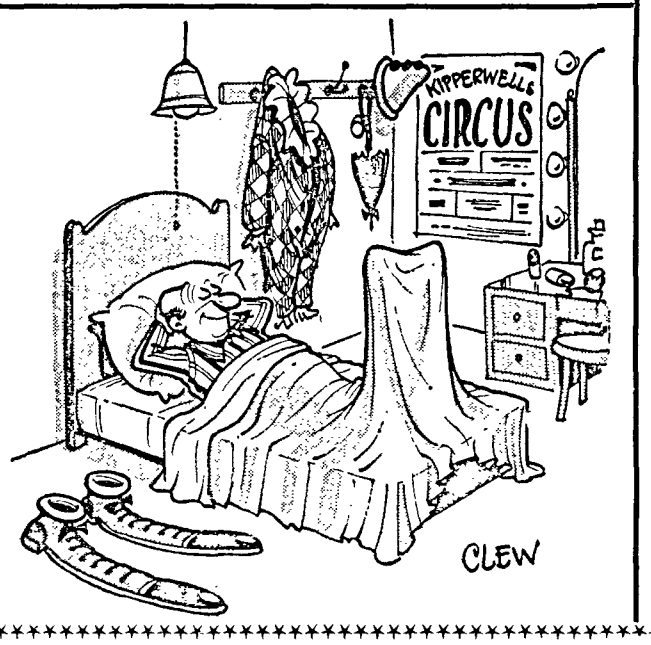
◀ GLASGOW: Start of the Monte Carlo Rally, 18th January. Checkpoints are at Llandrindod Wells (Radnorshire), New Milton (Hants.) and Dover

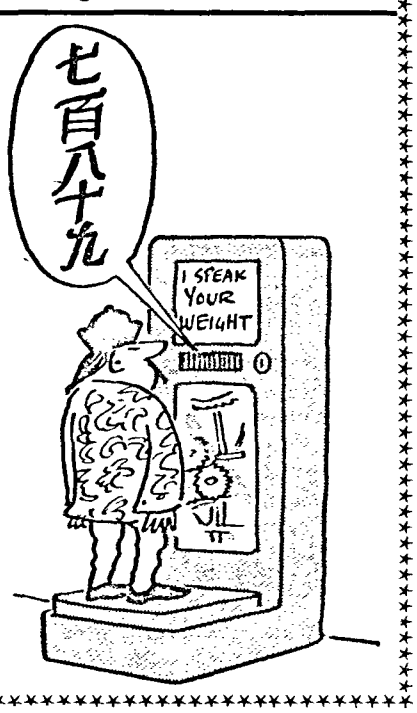
LAUGH TIME





"Glad you like them—funny thing is, most people don't like the idea of frog's liver sandwiches."





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KNOW YOUR NEWS

MR CHOU GETS AROUND!

THE war of ideas between the two Communist giants, Russia and China, now switches to Africa. And no-one is watching it more anxiously than India, whose teeming 400 millions would have a huge Communist area on both sides of them if either Russia or China controlled Africa.

So far the inter-Red struggle seems to be running in favour of the Chinese. Russian diplomats have been rudely thrown out of the newly-independent Congo. But Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, was welcomed

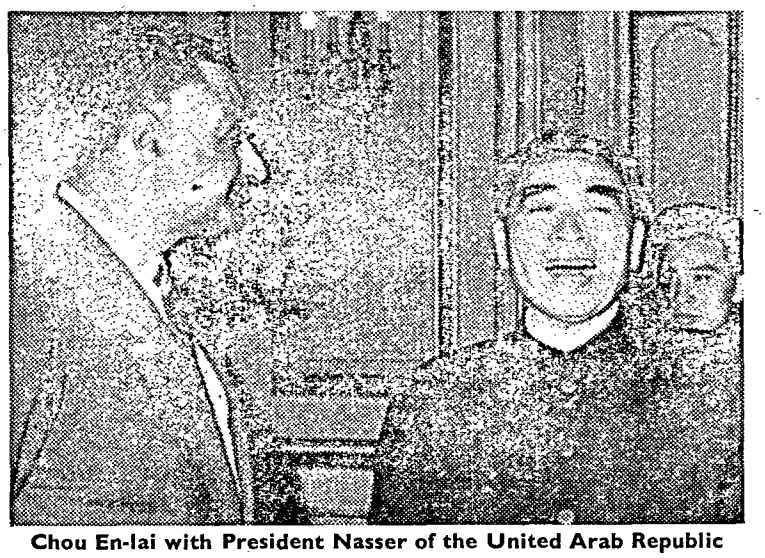
By our Special Correspondent

with open arms during a two-months' grand tour of Africa.

The conflict between the Russian and Chinese brands of Communism is one which affects all our lives.

The Communists control about one-third of the world and the "capitalists"—the West, led by the United States and Britain—control or influence the rest.

Communism is a ruthless creed. Its aim is to impose "equality" on everyone—except the leaders, of course. So it demands that capitalism be swept away. The only question in the Communist mind is—how?



Chou En-lai with President Nasser of the United Arab Republic

RUSSIA (pop. 250 million) now maintains that capitalism cannot be destroyed by war, because, in a nuclear war, Communists and capitalists would die together. So, if you can't kill something, live with it, say the Russians. Hence their present policy of "peaceful co-existence."

CHINA (pop. 700 million) is now inclined to agree with this, too, yet still says "No" to disarmament.

If West and East agree to disarm, says Mr. Chou, the East will lose on the deal. It will be powerless to fight oppression in countries still under the so-called "imperialist heel."

The truth is that both Russia and China seek world leadership. *But they now regard world war as too high a price to pay for it.*

So they want to feed their ideas into countries which have just been freed by the European ex-colonial Powers—the "imperialists," as the Communists call them. And a start is being made with Africa.

So far the Russians have been losing, and the reason for their failure is that Russians are white—and therefore too like the departing colonialists. But the Chinese are not white. And so Mr. Chou has one foot in Africa.

Expanding Peoples

China needs land and trade to support her rapidly expanding peoples. If she cannot push west into Russia—and this is a major cause of the Chinese-Russian war of ideas—she must push elsewhere.

In 1962 she tried to grab part of India, but found Russia and the West against her.

So now to Africa—and that again raises the alarm in India, which has sent a leading diplomat, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, on tour during Mr. Chou's stay.

Here is a new aspect of world power politics, and one which experts at the United Nations will have to watch very closely.

COAL FACTS

Britain's biggest coal depot has been opened at West Drayton, Middlesex. It will replace 23 small depots which served 120,000 households within a radius of eight miles.

Built at a cost of £400,000, the depot will hold a quarter of the annual fuel supply for the whole area, which means that stocks should be high even in the event of big demands in a long, cold spell.

This is the first of 80 such centralised depots to be set up throughout Britain.

Coal exports to Europe last year reached some seven million tons, more than double the 1962 figure.

Despite the hitch in the Common Market negotiations, Britain sold two million tons of coal to France in 1963 as against 700,000 tons in the year before. Belgium took a million tons, treble the 1962 figure. But West Germany, although needing coal badly, was limited, by a self-imposed quota, to 500,000 tons.

"MAGGIE"

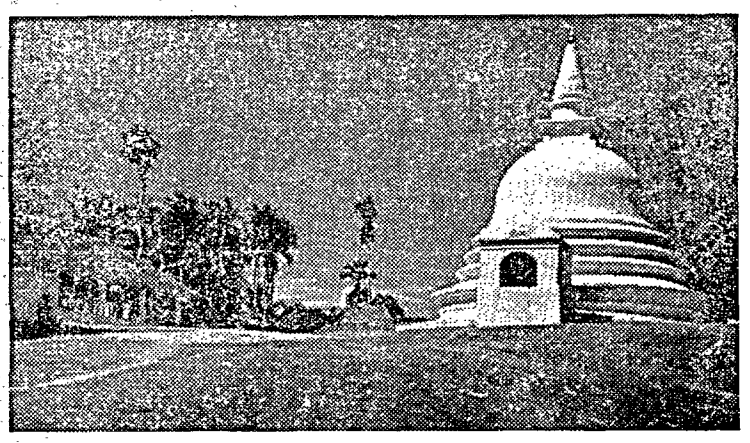
The Primary School at Little Snoring, Norfolk, had a surprise Christmas present—a two-seater Magister aircraft, which will stand in their playground.

The plane has been given by the widow of a man who formed the local Flying Group. The children will be able to learn about the "Maggie" from their headmaster, who is a member of the Group.

READERS' LETTERS

HEARING FROM RANGEN

Dear Sir,—I was longing to write to you about my ambitions, and today only I got the chance of writing to you. I think you will not be surprised because you always get letters from readers all over the world.



A 600-year-old temple near Kandy, Ceylon

I was reading CN for about three years. I found that it contains many good, interesting articles and I read it and enjoyed it very much. I also read in the CN about holiday letters by many readers. I also read the Sports page, which I very much like.

I am kindly asking you to publish my address and my hobbies and a few words about me to have pen-pals from all over the world. My hobbies are stamp collecting, view cards, and sports. My favourite hobby is stamp collecting.

I have written above all my hobbies, but I did not mention who I am. Here are some facts about myself: I am a boy of 14 years 7 months, and I am studying in Trinity College, which is situated in Kandy. Kandy is the Hill Capital of Ceylon. The University of Ceylon and the Botanical Gardens are only 3½ miles from my home.

Rangen Vijayakumar, 529 Peradeniya Road, Kandy, Ceylon.

REMEMBERING A PRESIDENT

Dear Sir,—The recent death of President Kennedy reminded me of the time when President Eisenhower visited Prestwick.

Later in the day my sister and I were in a shoe shop and we were talking about the President. Suddenly a man in the shop, who was also being served, asked us if we had seen the President, and, when we said yes, he gave us each a propelling pencil which had "United States Senate" on it.

Evidently the man was one of the President's staff.

Helen Caldwell, Prestwick.

CHINESE CHOW?

Dear Sir,—You made a mistake in your issue dated 21st December, 1963.

On the Pick a Puzzle page, under "Dishes From Foreign Lands" you asked what country was associated with Chop Suey. The answer is not China. Chop Suey originated in Chinatown, San Francisco, USA.

Adrian Irwin, Crowborough.

We asked what country Chop Suey was associated with, not where was it originated. For all we know, Irish Stew may have been first made in Birmingham, but it is associated with Ireland.

Editor.

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THIS WIDE WORLD

QUIET FLOWS THE TRUBA

Every few years the water drains from Lake Gorodno, in the Novgorod region of the USSR, and its bed becomes a lush green meadow.

In due course, underground springs well up to pour their waters on to the bed, and the lake begins to form again. As it fills to overflowing, the water runs into the quiet Truba River, which carries the surplus into another nearby lake.

While the Truba may be steady in the direction of its flow, the River Shuya, in Karelia, changes its course at least 15 times a year.

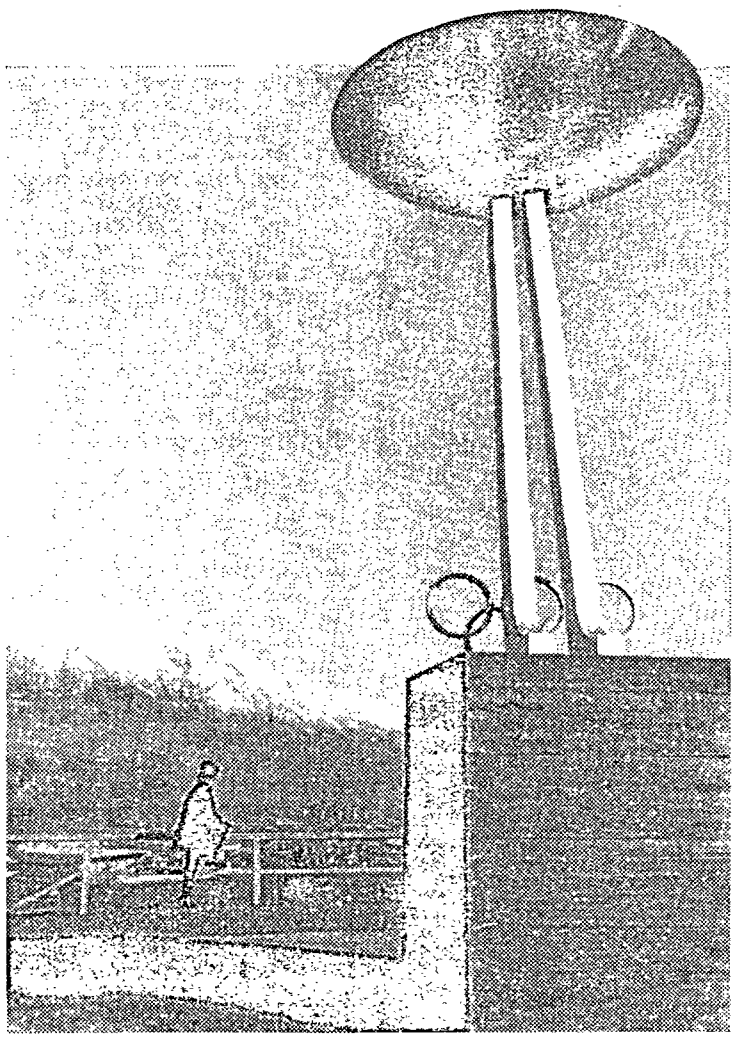
The river flows from a lake which is fed by underground springs. As the level of the lake varies, so the river changes its flow—from the lake when there is plenty of water, back into it when the level falls.

SAVING TEMPLES FROM DROWNING

Next spring will see the beginning of the huge task of saving the famous Egyptian temples of Abu Simbel from being drowned in the rising waters of the Nile, when the new Aswan Dam is completed.

The temples will be cut into sections and rebuilt on a site 210 feet higher up. Housing for the workers is being constructed, together with a river port and a road.

The great project has been made possible by the efforts of Unesco and its member States.



SKI TIME IN AUSTRIA

The snow-capped peaks of the Austrian Alps form an apt setting for this odd-shaped monument above Innsbruck. At the very top is the bowl in which the Olympic Flame will burn during the Winter Olympics there (29th Jan.-9th Feb.). The leg-supports, with the symbolic Olympic rings at the base, represent a pair of skis.

ONE LEONE FOR TEN SHILLINGS

The West African country of Sierra Leone is to have its own coinage, a decimal currency made up of Leones and cents. One Leone will be equal to 10s.

Since becoming independent in 1961, this former British colony has been using the sterling currency of the West African Currency Board, which is controlled from London.

A new Bank of Sierra Leone is being set up to handle the new currency, and it will begin issuing notes and coins in August.

JAPAN GOES SAILING AHEAD

Japan already has perhaps the biggest shipbuilding industry in the world. Now she aims to make her shipping lines more efficient in competition with foreign lines.

More than 80 per cent. of the country's lines are being merged to form five big shipping groups, each operating at least a million tons of shipping of various kinds —tramps, ore-carriers, oil-tankers, liners.

This would allow Japan to operate more efficiently and bring more trade for her ships.

MAKING PENNIES GO A LONG WAY

The boys at Scotch College, a private school in Perth, the capital of Western Australia, have worked out a way to raise money, and enjoy it, too.

They tried out their system for the first time when raising funds for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

It was a race of penny trails and, for the race, six chalk lines, one for each House in the school, were drawn across the school grounds. On the day of the race, which was held during the lunch break, every boy came to school with as many pennies as he had managed to save or earn. Led by their Captains carrying their flags, each House lined up at one end of the chalk line and, at the word "GO," began laying their pennies along the lines as fast as possible. By the end of the lunch hour the winning House had a solid trail of pennies about 50 yards long, and the other lines were only a few feet shorter.

Altogether the boys laid down 16,560 pennies—worth £A69. This brought the total amount Scotch College raised for the Campaign to £A320.

NEW RECRUIT



How would you like this young lion cub as a pet? He is the latest recruit to the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards—of which he is mascot—stationed in Kenya.

NEW HQ FOR FRENCH TV

The French television service has a brand new home, a huge building which towers above the Seine in Paris.

A circular building, it includes a 23-story tower which rises to 200 feet. There are 1,100 offices and 61 studios for the staff of 4,200. There is also a concert hall which can seat a thousand people.

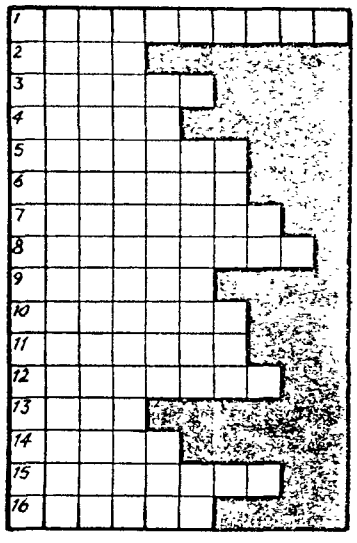
The building cost about £15,000,000, and took ten years to complete.

NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

21st December winner: Brenda Southgate, 22 Kitchener Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

BIOGRAPHICAL ACROSTIC

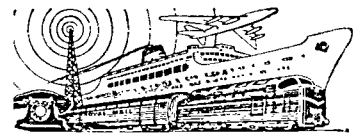
Answer the clues and the initial letters, read downwards, will spell the name of a famous British statesman.



1 First President of the United States.
2 Known as "the Terrible," he was the first tsar of Russia.
3 The victor at Trafalgar.
4 Antarctic explorer.
5 He built the Menai Bridge.
6 Joan of Arc was also known as the Maid of ——.
7 This French emperor died on St. Helena.
8 Famous Egyptian queen.
9 Composer of *The Messiah*.
10 Christian name of General Grant, American Civil War leader.
11 Great Elizabethan seaman.
12 Lord Protector of England.
13 Surname of man who led successful Everest expedition.
14 Christian name of man who explained law of gravitation.
15 He is famous for his exploits in Arabia.
16 Founder of the order of Jesuits.

Answer on page 12

BRIEFLY . . .



A bus conductor found an Elizabethan coin on the beach near Nevin, Caernarvonshire. The size of a halfpenny, it bore a partly obliterated date, probably between 1600 and 1603.

Red light

The cost of installing an average set of traffic signals is £3,100.

More than 40 British firms will be represented at the International Furniture Fair in Cologne from 28th January to 2nd February.

Milk-oh!

About 25 million milk bottles are lost in Scotland every year. The cost to the dairy trade is some £500,000.

A library of paperback books has been opened at Darlington Grammar School. Open only after school hours, each boy has to pay an entrance fee—one paperback book.

Vans as Sheds

The Garden Holders' Association at Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts, has bought six old railway goods vans for £24 each. They are to be used as garden sheds by the Association's pensioner members.

A balloon released in Bishop Auckland, Durham, landed 1,150 miles away in a Russian village.

Double the calls

Since the opening at the beginning of December of the Commonwealth Pacific (COMPAC) telephone system, calls to Britain from Australia have increased by 200 per cent, and those from New Zealand by 102 per cent.

Cut-away glass-fronted burrows will enable visitors at London Zoo's new Small Mammal House to see nocturnal animals underground.

Smoke signals

Having no telephone, Tan Hill Inn, on the North Yorkshire moors, is arranging to send smoke signals in the event of getting snowed-up this winter.

A 70-year-old American crossed the Pacific from Peru to Samoa (7,500 miles) on a raft, with only two cats for company.

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SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS



WHAT A JOURNEY!

GIRL with a goal is 18-year-old Susan Hall of Horsham (pictured right), now in the mountains of Assam, north-east India, doing one year's Voluntary Service before returning home to start a nursing career at Guy's Hospital, London, next January.

At the village of Kharang, 5,000 feet above sea level, Susan acts as dispenser at the local clinic, assists with the midwifery service, teaches English, and studies the methods of the local craftsmen.

To do all this, Susan made a fantastically varied journey which began as a twenty-day sea voyage from Liverpool to Bombay, during which time she began to study the Khasi language. Then followed a two-and-a-half day train journey; an air flight of several hours; a short bus ride; and finally a ten-mile goat track walk to the village! All of which shows Susan's great determination in realising her ambition to help others.

DR. QUAVER, M.C.

AMERICAN subjects which carry a degree are more varied and numerous than those in this country.

Now, the USA is to give a degree of Music Criticism and £100,000 of the Ford Foundation's money will be spent by the University of Southern California on courses in this art.



Susan Hall — all set for the long voyage

ANNA IN THE ALPS

ANOTHER girl who has taken to the mountains is 22-year-old Anna Asheshov (seen below), the British Ladies' Ski-ing Champion who is practising in the Alps for the Winter Olympics, which start at Innsbruck at the end of this month.

But not all Anna's training is done on the snow-clad mountains. From her Sussex home, where she runs a seven-acre smallholding, she toughens up with a daily 1½ hour cross-country run, and has a weekly PT session with a Brighton football club. Lacrosse, water-ski-ing and an occasional climb in Snowdonia all help to keep her in trim.

Anna hopes to stay in the Alps until April, competing in about ten major ski-ing meetings in France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy.



Ski-champion Anna in her new anorak

"DOMINIQUE" DISC

THE guitar-playing nun, Sister Luc-Gabrielle of the Dominican convent at Fichermont, near Brussels, topped the US charts with her single-playing record of *Dominique,* and her LP called *The Singing Nun* sold the record figure of 700,000 copies within a month of release.

Sister Gabrielle's success started two years ago when another nun asked a recording company if they would make one hundred discs of her compositions, to be used as gifts for girls attending retreats at their convents. Impressed by the simplicity of her singing and guitar-playing, the company went ahead—since when her records have done the same.

All Royalties on Sister Gabrielle's records are given to the Dominican Order to help foreign missions.

SISTERS



"Didn't think much of the films, but the ice-cream, orange juice, and popcorn were super!"

CHAMPION COOK

DUE to compete against some of the best women cooks in the country at the Royal Albert Hall, London, is 18-year-old Peggy Mellor of Shropshire.

Peggy, a Finalist in the Townswomen's Guild cookery competition, beat hundreds of housewives in a Shropshire v Mid-Wales contest for which she had to produce a savoury country roll.

"I practised at home, baking roll after roll until I thought my parents would get tired of eating them—but they never did," said Peggy.

In the National Finals in London, in May, Peggy will be up against nine other Finalists—all housewives.

Vicky

FILM SPOT

INTRODUCING FLIPPER!

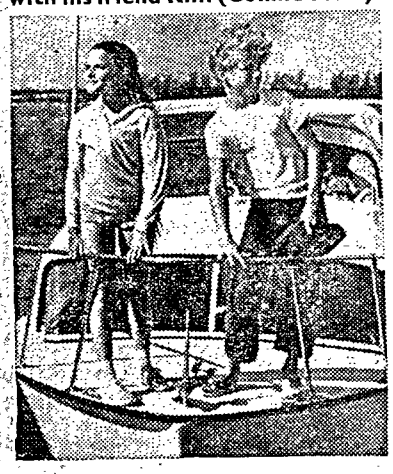


MGM's new picture, FLIPPER, just released, tells the story of a fisherman's son, Sandy, of the Florida Keys—islands off the southern tip of the United States.

Sandy finds a wounded dolphin, names it Flipper and nurses it back to health. Then he gets into hotter water than the Gulf of Mexico for spending too much time with his new friend. And that's what we'd all like to do with Flipper, a most wonderful playmate—and very useful in tropical seas for fighting off sharks!

This is an amusing and very entertaining picture. Our advice is—go and see it if you can.

Below: Luke Halpin as Sandy, with his friend Kim (Connie Scott).



DOLPHIN TAIL-PIECE

THE producer of the film, Ivan Tors, had a lot to tell CN about Flipper and the other dolphins he has studied.

To begin with, they have bigger brains than human beings and are very intelligent as far as their specialised sea life is concerned. Being well protected by size, speed and sharp teeth from natural enemies, and finding their food (small fish) quite easily, they are never "mean." They make friends with man easily and in this their sense of play helps. They are first-rate catchers and throwers of balls, and Flipper soon learned to retrieve and bring back to the boat anything that Ivan happened to drop overboard.

They are, of course, mammals (like whales) and swim with an up-and-down motion of the tail, not side-to-side like a fish. They breathe air, and their constant need to surface seems to account for their habit of supporting wounded comrades and even human swimmers in the water.

They make a wide variety of sounds both in air and water, and when submerged emit a "sonar" signal (as bats do) judging distance and direction of underwater objects by the echoes bounced back from them.

When dying, they make for land (whence they originally came) and beach themselves. So far no dolphin in captivity has died of old age.



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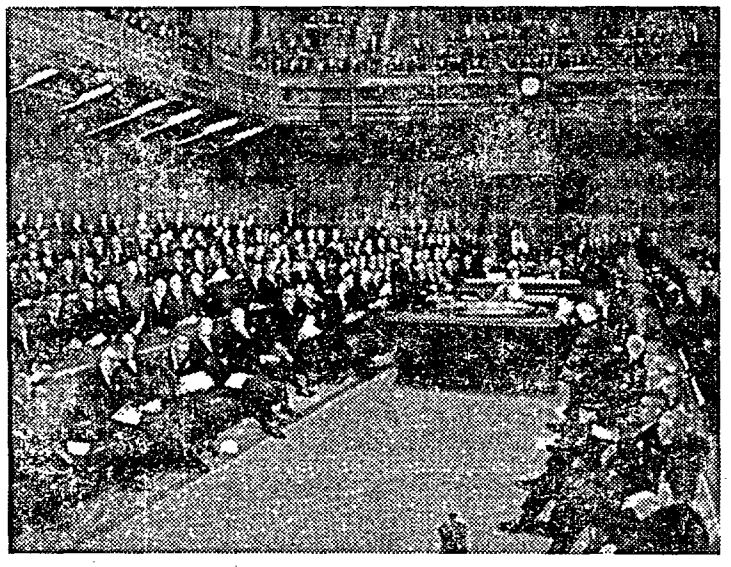
HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

PARLIAMENT

In this country we must do what Parliament says, and we must not do what Parliament forbids. It is Parliament that decides about the laws which govern us. We say, therefore, that Parliament is the *Legislature*—the law-making part of the British Constitution. The word "legislature" comes from the Latin word "legis" meaning "of the law."

Many people speak of Parliament when they really mean the House of Commons. Parliament, in fact, consists of three separate parts—the Monarch, the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

These three parts are quite separate. They consist of different people who do different work in different places, although they all meet on important occasions, such as the opening of Parliament.



An oil painting of a session in the House of Commons

Together, these three parts form the Parliament of the United Kingdom. No law (or only very few) can be passed until all three parts have agreed to it.

You will often hear people complain that Parliament *does* nothing. They grumble because, they say, all Parliament seems to do is to *talk*. But this is *exactly what Parliament is for*, and this is all that it is supposed to do! The very word comes from the French word "parler," which means "to talk."

Parliament's job is to discuss matters put before it. Somebody or some group of people in Parliament will suggest that a certain thing should be done. It might be suggested, for example, that you should all stay at school until you are sixteen, or that a new motorway should be built. It is then Parliament's job to discuss this thoroughly and carefully.

The House of Commons will probably discuss the matter first. If that House thinks it is a good idea, then the House of Lords will discuss it next. Then the suggestion will go to the Queen for her approval. It will then become an Act of Parliament and will be part of the law of the land.

Next Week:

OUR MONARCHY

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

One of the questions my young friends Paddy and Jane asked me the other day was, "What do the words 'survival of the fittest' mean?"

Well, the expression means that in nature only those living things survive which are able to adapt themselves to changing conditions, or which are healthy enough to be able to multiply and so continue their species. Altered conditions may mean changes in climate which can affect habitats—the types of country in which a plant or animal normally lives. (By this we mean great changes over long periods of time.)

If living things cannot withstand an altered climate, they may well die out, unless they are able to move to some area where conditions have *not* altered. Or, as an alternative to going somewhere else, the animals in question may themselves become changed so that they can continue to exist. But this can take a long time—tens of thousands, if not millions, of years.

There is, however, another aspect of the survival of the fittest which we should look at.

Each breeding season, as it comes round, will see nestling birds which are too feeble to compete with their fellows in feeding; insects may hatch out so lacking in some necessary feature that they cannot feed or cannot find mates; mammals may have young which are similarly handicapped and will not last long.

by

Maxwell Knight

This may seem harsh and terrible, judged by human standards. But if you think about it from a commonsense point of view, it would be of no use to a species as a whole if unfit individuals lived to breed, only to bring forth even less fit members of their kind. The most powerful instinct of all is the instinct to reproduce further generations, and to do this there must be sufficient healthy and vigorous stock.

Much the same is true of plants, too. The weaker or diseased ones will be choked or crushed by healthier specimens.



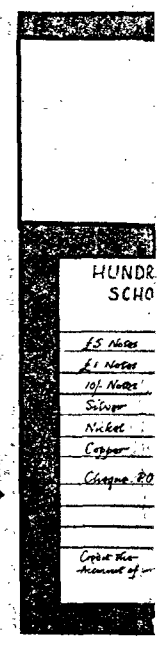
One of the prehistoric creatures which were unable to adapt themselves to changing conditions, and so became extinct



Cashier's-eye-view of the lunch-hour rush



A 12-year-old puts her signature to a school cheque



Cheque (top) paying-in slip (left) and membership-form for the Hundred of Hoo School Bank

Plenty of customers to keep the bank staff busy



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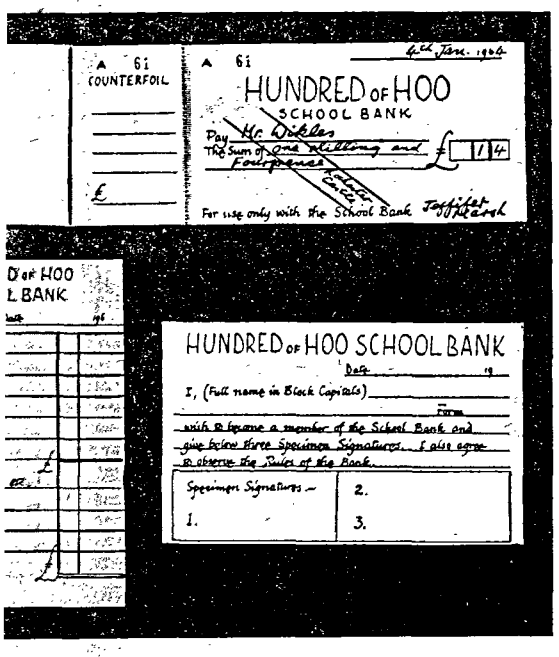
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Schools in the News

THEY'VE STARTED A BANK!

EVERYONE likes spending money. A few even like saving it up. Down at Hoo Secondary Modern School, near Rochester, Kent, pupils have started their own bank and are learning how to look after their money.

This school bank opens three days a week in the lunch-hour, uses a proper counter and till. The Head is President, but the Chief Cashier is Sally Brown, Head Girl, and she has a boy and a girl assistant. They issue the school's own cheques and paying-in slips.





THEY'VE STARTED A BAND!

THE Minerva Marching Band is a sensation down at Chingford, Essex. Boys and girls of the West Hatch Technical High School there, and their friends, have organised it, converting local clarinet players to the saxophone, 'cellists to the euphonium or sousaphone, and rounding up the local trumpeters. With colours flying, drums rolling, and led by prancing drum-majorettes with twirling batons and gay uniforms, the Minerva Marching Band is in demand for carnivals, concerts and so on.



Big beat on the big drum



The Minerva Marching Band in full swing



Bright and gay they lead the way

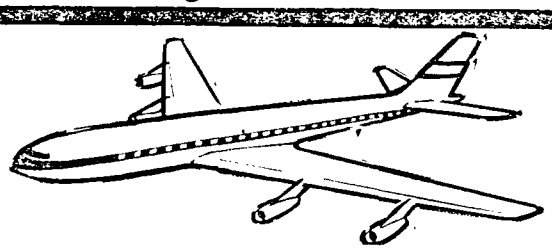
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SCIENCE SURVEY

ANTARCTICA IS BUSTLING WITH ACTIVITY

ANTARCTICA is frozen and barren. But it is far from being a neglected continent. Hundreds of scientists from twelve nations, especially from America and the Soviet Union, are exploring its wonders.

They are attracted to Antarctica because it is both a challenge, with 90 per cent. of its surface under a thick sheet of ice, and an opportunity to experiment in an area unaltered by civilised conditions.

What are they doing?

Glaciologists are trying to find out how much ice Antarctica contains and whether the amount is changing. They measure the thickness of the ice by setting off explosions below the surface and measuring the time taken for the sound waves to reflect off the rock below. They also drill out long, tube-shaped cores of snow.

Air Bubbles

These samples, brought from the depths of the ice, contain compressed air bubbles, showing the make-up of the air centuries ago. One of the things indicated is the growth of carbon dioxide (used-up air) in the atmosphere.

Other scientists—conducting high atmosphere experiments—are picking up electrical transmissions from thunderstorms and measuring the changing shape of the Earth's magnetic field. They are also counting and detecting the cosmic rays which come from space.

Biologists are studying the continent's living creatures. They have been finding out why the fish can live at such low temperatures.

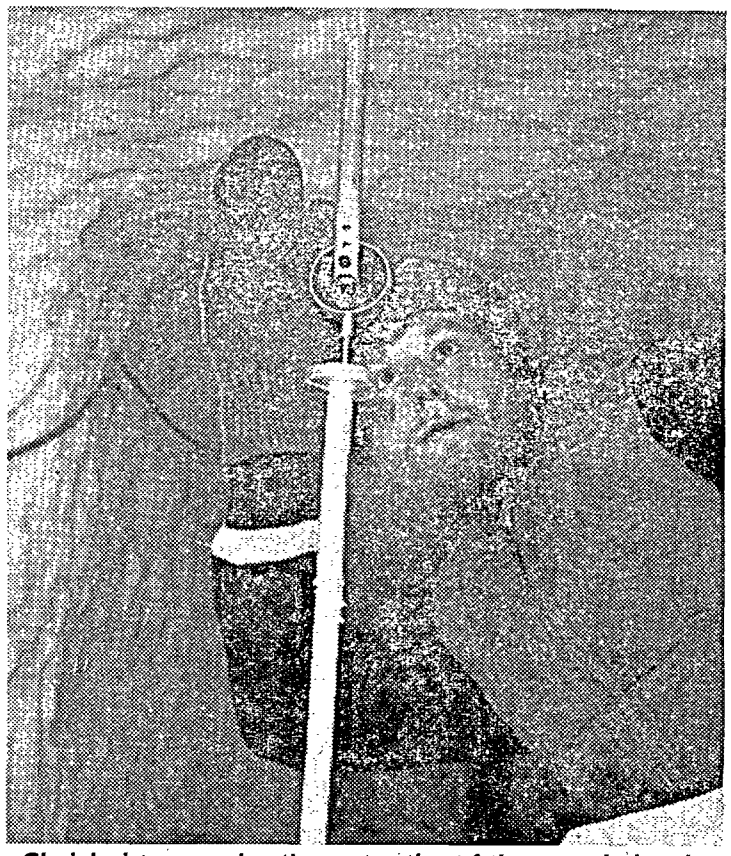
What effect does the Earth's movement have upon us? To discover this, scientists placed rats, fruit flies, fungi and soya beans right at the South Pole on a platform that moved in the opposite direction to the Earth. This neutralised the Earth's movement, and the "patients" were watched to see how they reacted.

Meteorologists are trying to find the nature and causes of the Antarctic weather, how it affects the world's climate, and if it can be accurately forecast for aircraft flying over Antarctica. Thirty American weather stations, some unmanned, and thousands of balloon flights and rocket firings into the upper atmosphere, are helping scientists to study this.

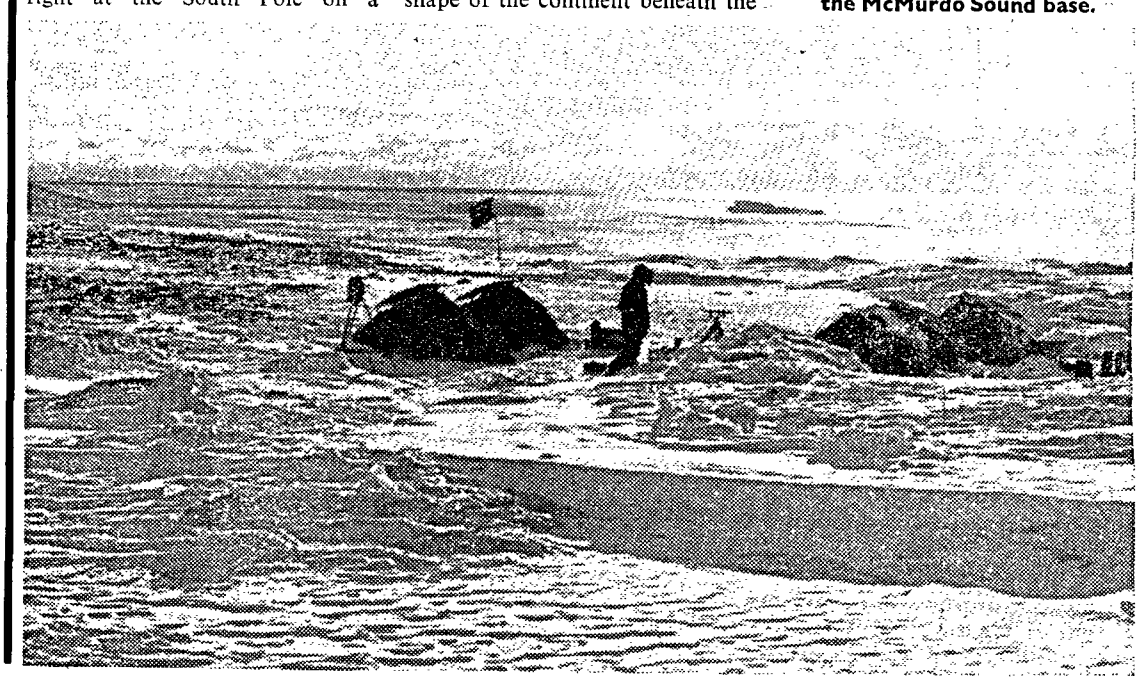
Geologists want to know the shape of the continent beneath the ice. One fascinating study is an attempt to find out how long Antarctic rocks have been cold. This is done by measuring the rock's natural radioactivity. One scientist estimated that limestone found in Antarctica became cold only 170,000 years ago.

Oceanography is the study of the sea, and scientists of Antarctica are studying salt and oxygen content, and they are examining the sediment at the bottom and plant and animal life.

Much more is going on as well. Antarctica is bustling with activity.



Glaciologist measuring the contraction of the snow during the winter period



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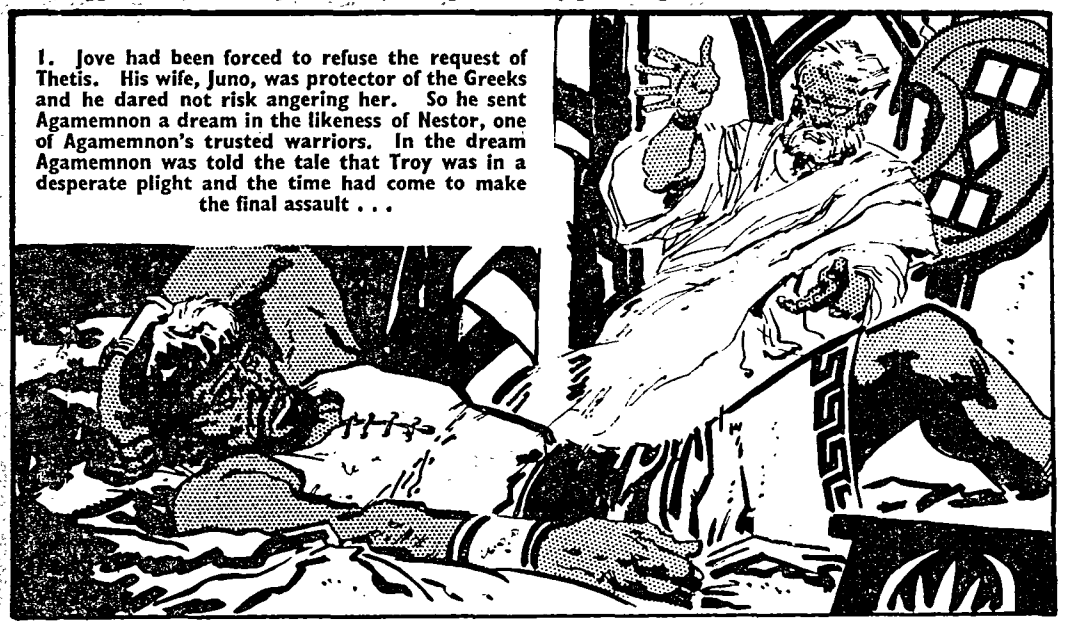
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THE ILIAD

PART 3

The Greek leader, Agamemnon, had insulted the bravest of warriors, Achilles. He'd struck him and taken away his slave girl, Briseis. Until Achilles could avenge these insults, he vowed never to fight again under Agamemnon. Meanwhile, Achilles's mother, Thetis, begged Jove, Father of the Gods, to help her son by punishing the Greeks . . .

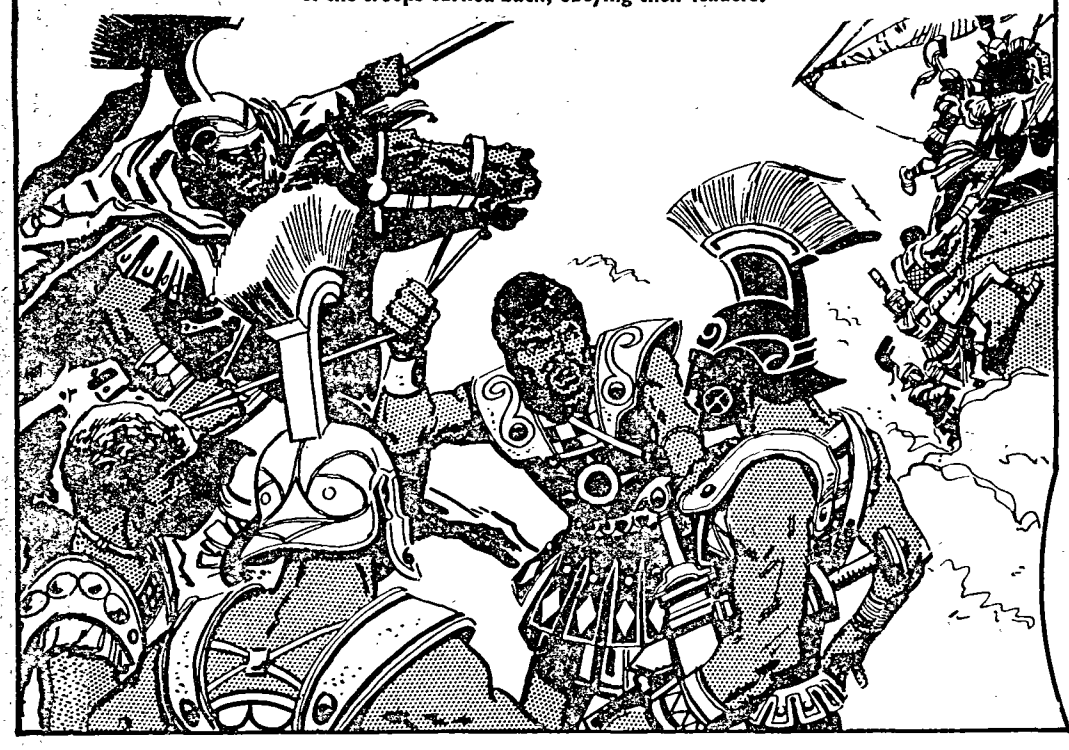
1. Jove had been forced to refuse the request of Thetis. His wife, Juno, was protector of the Greeks and he dared not risk angering her. So he sent Agamemnon a dream in the likeness of Nestor, one of Agamemnon's trusted warriors. In the dream Agamemnon was told the tale that Troy was in a desperate plight and the time had come to make the final assault . . .



2. Convinced the messenger really was Nestor, his experienced and oldest warrior, Agamemnon was ready to act on his advice. But, having laid siege to Troy for nine long years, he knew his men had become disheartened. So, to rekindle their enthusiasm for battle, he, too, worked out a plan. To his captains he announced his intention of letting the troops know that the task of taking Troy was a hopeless one. He proposed to say he was abandoning the idea. This, he explained, would have the effect of making the troops rebel and refuse to sail for home until Troy had been conquered. The plan got under way . . .

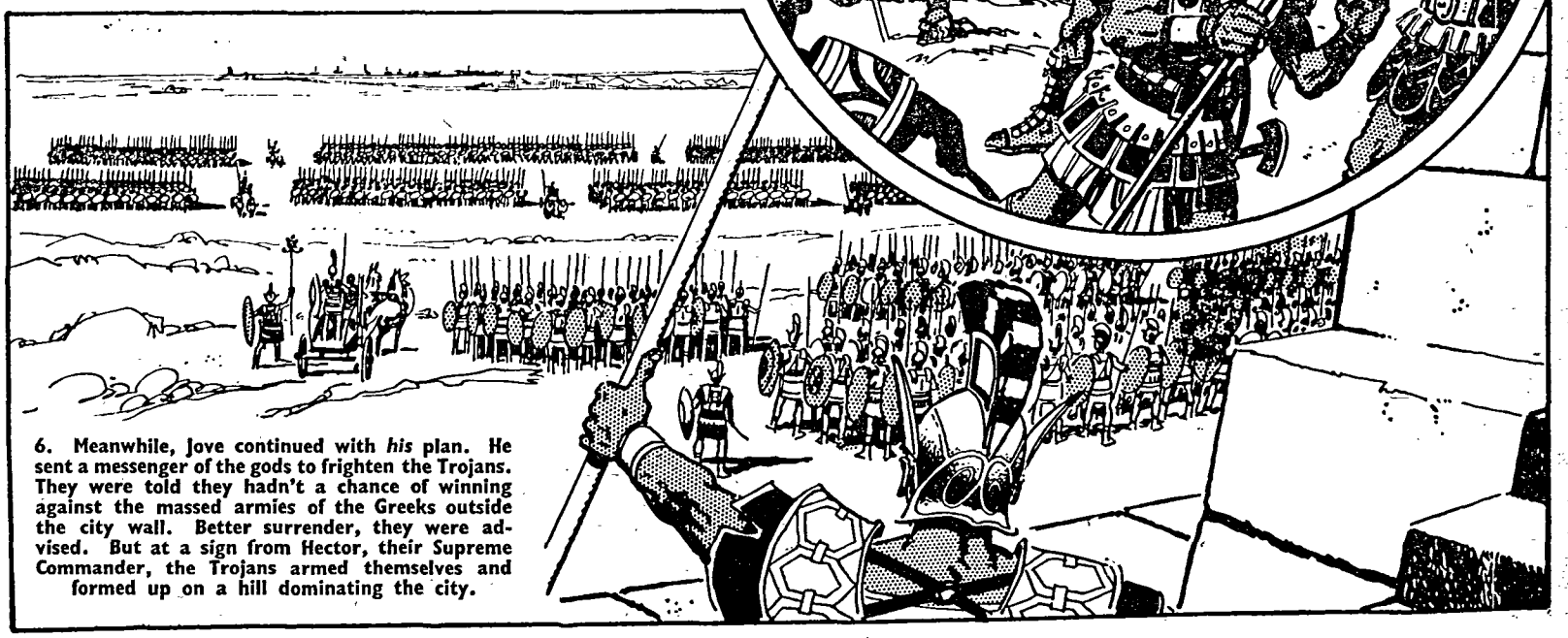


3. But there was no rebellion. No determination to stay and fight. All the troops gladly took to the ships, eager to set sail for home! Then Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom, saw what was happening. She singled out Ulysses, the wisest of Greek warriors, and told him of Agamemnon's plan. Quickly Ulysses saw what was wrong and ran among the men, shouting encouragement and rallying them with his call to arms. The captains immediately started to persuade those already aboard the ships to return. Most of the troops turned back, obeying their leaders.



4. One ugly, deformed Greek soldier named Thersites tried to incite the men to rebel. "Leave *now*!" he cried. "*Don't die beneath* the walls of Troy." But the men ignored him.

5. Once all the troops had returned from the ships, preparations were made for the forthcoming battle. The altars smouldered with the burnt sacrifices to the Gods. Then the men, eager for the coming fight beneath the walls of Troy, ranged themselves in orderly ranks and waited for the signal to attack. Warriors' lances glistened in the sun, and the famous Greek heroes mounted their chariots while the charioteers gathered the reins in their hands just waiting for the word. All was ready and the Greeks, no longer soft with thoughts of home, were *now* keen to end the siege with a crushing victory.



6. Meanwhile, Jove continued with *his* plan. He sent a messenger of the gods to frighten the Trojans. They were told they hadn't a chance of winning against the massed armies of the Greeks outside the city wall. Better surrender, they were advised. But at a sign from Hector, their Supreme Commander, the Trojans armed themselves and formed up on a hill dominating the city.

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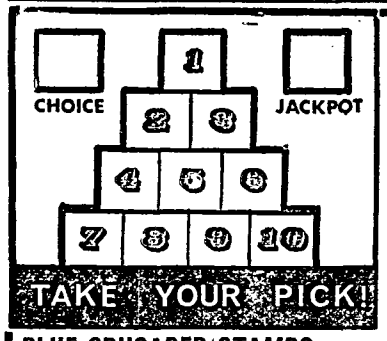
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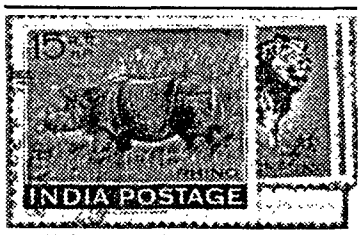
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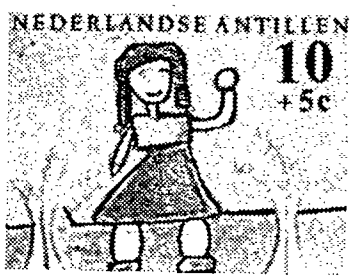
FIVE stamps designed by children have recently been issued in the Netherlands Antilles, the Dutch island possessions in the West Indies.

by C. W. Hill

Several months ago the Postmaster General of the Antilles was considering special charity stamps, each one carrying a small premium above its face value. The money raised by their sales was to be used to help poor and invalid children.

In previous years the Antilles Post Office had issued some beautiful charity stamps showing tropical fish and flowers in their natural colours. This year the suggestion was for a series designed by the children themselves. So a drawing competition was organised and every child in the Netherlands Antilles was invited to take part.

Altogether 2,700 designs were entered and the five best chosen for the new stamps. Pictured here is the 10 plus 5 cents value.



CHILDREN are featured, too, on a new series of charity stamps from another Dutch possession, Surinam, on the north-east coast of South America.

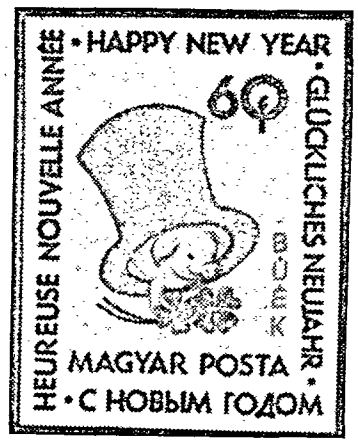
Like that of nearby British Guiana, Surinam's population includes people of several distinct races. The new stamps have portraits of five girls—Chinese, Indonesian, Hindu, South American Indian and, on the 10 plus 4 cents value pictured here, a Negro. Each stamp also has the Dutch inscription "Voor Het Kind," meaning "For the Children."



THE inscription "Happy New Year" in five languages is to be found on stamps in a series issued in Hungary to greet the arrival of 1964. One shows a sprig of mistletoe, another a lantern, and another a circus clown. The 60-filler value shows a smiling pig in a top hat!

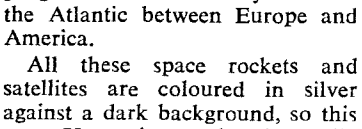
Round the edge of the design are New Year greetings in French, English, German and Russian. The fifth language is represented by the initials "BUEK" which stand for the words "I wish you a Happy New Year" in Magyar, the language spoken in Hungary.

The Hungarian Post Office has also issued a new series of eight



stamps honouring space research. The Russian space-ship *Vostok I* is shown on one stamp, and the United States is represented by the 1-forint value which shows the *Mercury* capsule.

The 2-forint stamp seen here shows *Telstar I* and *Telstar II*, the satellites by which television

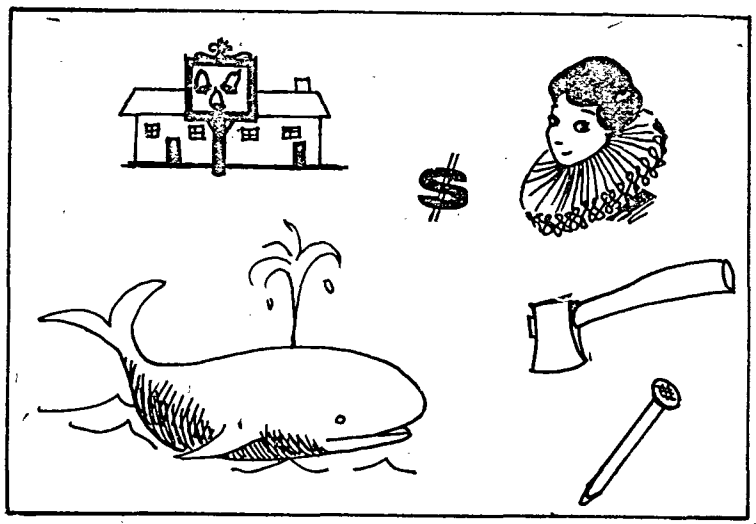


programmes can be relayed across the Atlantic between Europe and America.

All these space rockets and satellites are coloured in silver against a dark background, so this new Hungarian series is really attractive.

PICK A PUZZLE

SIX FOR A SCIENTIST



Solve the clues correctly, and you will find that the initial letters, when re-arranged, spell the name of a famous 19th-century scientist.

ACHIEVEMENTS

With what famous achievements are the people below associated?

Sir Alexander Fleming, Sir Edmund Hillary, Madame Curie, Captain Webb, General Booth.

WORD SQUARE

The answers to the four clues will, if written below each other, read the same down as across.

Conspire. Exist. Above. Sea bird.

ONE FOR EACH

Six words are needed to complete the analogies below. See how quickly you can find all six.

Delhi is to India as is to Norway.

Lair is to lion as is to rabbit.

Hamlet is to Shakespeare as Kim is to

Dollar is to America as rouble is to

Bray is to donkey as is to seal.

Twelve-inches are to one foot as eight furlongs are to one

BIRDS, PLEASE!

Begin at the top line and work downwards, taking one letter from each line to form the names of four well-known birds.

P O P S
S E E K
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Answers to puzzles are on page 12

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C N fiction CALIFORNIA WAS A VERY DANGEROUS PLACE IN THE OLD GOLD-RUSH DAYS!

BY THE GREAT HORN SPOON!

Jack and Praiseworthy are now on the last stage of their journey to the Californian gold-fields, where they hope to make a quick fortune in time to save Aunt Arabella's home in Boston.

In company with other passengers, they're travelling in a stage-coach to Hangtown diggin's, and seated opposite them is none other than Cut-Eye Higgins, the rogue who had stolen Dr. Buckbee's map of the gold-fields . . .

6. The Road Agents

PRAISEWORTHY remained remarkably calm. He didn't so much as raise an eyebrow. But he did give Jack a faint poke in the ribs with his elbow, as if to say, *Easy, Master Jack, easy. Leave the scoundrel to me.*

"Small world, ain't it?" grinned Cut-Eye Higgins. His hand remained at rest, in silent warning, on the butt of his pistol.

"I hadn't noticed until today," said Praiseworthy. "If I didn't know better, I'd think you were still in Rio."

The villain's scarred eye was set at a squint.

"Rio was too hot for me, you might say, so I made for Panama. Looks like I beat you to California at that."

"I daresay you had a good map to guide you."

The man in the jipijapa hat bared his yellow teeth in a laugh.

"A map? A map?" he said. "Why, what map is that?"

Praiseworthy narrowed his glance. "I bring you regards from the good Dr. Buckbee."

"Well, now, ain't that neighbourly of you."

Jack's hand fell to the horn spoon in his belt. He could almost imagine it was a four-shooter. That would make Mr. Cut-Eye Higgins sit up and take notice! Why, he'd beg to hand over Dr. Buckbee's gold map. The duelling pistol in *his* belt would be no match for a four-shooter.

But Praiseworthy didn't seem in the least concerned about the lack of firearms.

"Have you met Mr. Fletcher?" he asked. "This is——"

"Higgins," Cut-Eye grinned. "Doc Higgins. Dentist."

Praiseworthy winked at Jack. The impostor had apparently given up his judgeship. A dentist, was he? Specialising in extracting gold teeth, no doubt.

"And now, if you gentlemen will excuse me," said Praiseworthy, "I believe I'll catch a nap."

Sleep! Jack thought. How could anyone *sleep* with Mr. Cut-Eye Higgins sitting there!

But before the stage had travelled another quarter of a mile, Praiseworthy was napping soundly. Jack sat gazing at the villain, their knees almost touching, and the man in the jipijapa hat gazed back at him.

SUDDENLY a window shattered, and then another. And, just as suddenly, Jack became aware that it wasn't only the crack of the coach-driver's whip in the air.

Gunshots!

"Road agents!" the driver yelled as he set the brake and reached for his rifle. "Holdup!"

Praiseworthy pushed Jack under the coach, and through the spokes of the big wheels Jack saw a dozen horsemen charge out of the pines.

Cut-Eye Higgins drew his duelling pistol and fired. He missed.

He didn't have a chance to reload. The road agents had them surrounded, their guns and rifles bristling in the twilight.

The leader, a big fellow with holes in his boots, called to the driver. "Throw down your rifle. The rest of you reach for the sky—or I'll send you there pronto!"

Jack swallowed hard and came out in the open. Praiseworthy gave him a reassuring glance—and didn't seem scared at all.

"Sorry to interrupt your journey," said the leader. "We'll only detain you a moment. Boys, hop to it."

Two of the outlaws climbed to the top of the stage and threw down the luggage for the others to paw through for valuables.

by

Sid Fleischman

Meanwhile, another pair of road agents made quick work of the passengers. They pulled off watches and chains, and tugged buckskin pouches of gold dust from pockets and belts.

Jack tried not to look up at Praiseworthy's white gloves, with the gold dust in the fingers. The outlaws would never think of looking *there*, would they?

"ALL right, gents," said one of the gang, through the bandana across his mouth. "Now lower your hands one by one and let's have your rings."

"I don't have a ring," said Jack.

"I can see that, boy." The road agent moved on to Praiseworthy. "Well, look here, we got a regular gentleman—with gloves on."

Jack's heart began to beat faster. Praiseworthy pulled off his right hand glove. Their gold dust would soon be exposed.

But Praiseworthy seemed unconcerned as could be.

"How about the other hand?" growled the outlaw.

"Naturally," said Praiseworthy. He pulled the glove off each finger, carefully but casually, and held up his bare hand. The gold dust remained in the fingers of the glove. "No rings, as you see." And he put the glove on again.

But another big fellow was emptying Praiseworthy's carpetbag in the dirt—shirts, cuff links, hair brush.

"Why, look here," the ruffian chuckled. "A picture. A regular beauty, ain't she?"

Jack recognised it at once. It was his Aunt Arabella! He didn't know Praiseworthy had brought her picture along!

When he glanced up, Praiseworthy had gone white with anger.

"I'll thank you to return that picture to my bag," he warned.

"You don't say! Why, I'll be proud to own a picture like this. I guess I'll just take it with me."

The rest happened so fast that Jack missed half of it in the blink of an eye. Praiseworthy, in his fury, struck like a bolt of lightning. Grabbing the ruffian to his feet by the shirt front, he slammed his left gloved fist into the man's bandana-covered face. The outlaw hurled back as if he'd been struck with a stick of cord wood. And he just lay there.

"Why look at that," said Jonas T. Fletcher in awe. "Knocked that big fella fifteen feet *up hill!*"

The other outlaws had held their fire, startled by Praiseworthy's awesome left jab. Then their leader seemed to grin behind his scarf.

"I'd take my hat off to ya," he told Praiseworthy, "but it ain't fittin' for a man in my line of work. That was something to see. Boys, lift our fallen friend across his saddle and we'll be goin'."

Jack gazed at Praiseworthy with fresh admiration. His friend had never let on that he was so handy with his fists. The truth of the matter was that Praiseworthy had been as surprised as the others to see the brute go flying. And then he remembered the heavy gold dust packed in the fingertips of the glove. With his fingers clenched around it, his fist had had the kick of a mule!

"One more thing," said the gang leader, "all you gents take off your coats and drop 'em in a pile." He added, as the passengers reluctantly obeyed. "Never met an immigrant yet who didn't have gold pieces sewed up in the linin' of his coat. You won't need coats in this heat, gents, so we'll just take 'em along."

An instant later the highwaymen spurred their horses and carried away their booty of watches, rings, buckskin gold pouches—and coats.

PRAISEWORTHY stepped in front of Cut-Eye Higgins. "I'll thank you, sir, to hand over Dr. Buckbee's map."

"You're a little late," said Cut-Eye Higgins. "The map was sewn up in the lining of my coat!"

At last, the stagecoach arrived, bringing a cloud of summer dust all the way from Sacramento City.

"Hangtown!" the driver snapped, with a final crack of his whip.

IT was exactly one hour and five minutes before Jack saw the diggings. First Praiseworthy registered at the hotel, and then he wrote a letter to Dr. Buckbee, advising him that Cut-Eye Higgins was in Hangtown, but that the map had fallen into the hands of a gang of highwaymen.

"Can we go now?" said Jack, fidgeting. He had polished his horn spoon so much he could see his nose in it.

"Go where?"

"The *diggings*."

"Oh, the diggings will still be there after lunch, Master Jack."

Praiseworthy's patience was a marvel—and an exasperation. They had come more than 15,000 miles and now they had to stop to eat.

Jack forced it down. After they left the hotel restaurant, Praiseworthy bought a pair of buckskin pouches at the general merchandise store and emptied the gold dust out of his glove. The index finger was springing a leak.

Then, with tin washbasins under their arms and the pick and shovel across their shoulders, they set out for the diggings.

"Anybody digging here?" asked Praiseworthy, when they came to a bare spot.

"Shore is," came the answer. "That's Buffalo John's claim."

They moved on upstream.

"Anybody digging here?" asked Praiseworthy.

"Yup," came the answer. "That's Jimmie-from-Town's claim."

On and on they went, looking for a place to dig. After they had walked a mile-and-a-half Jack began to think they would never find a patch of ground that wasn't spoken for.

Then, suddenly, a pistol shot cracked the mountain air. Praiseworthy's washbasin rang like a bell and leaped from his arm and went clattering away.

"You there!" a voice from behind bellowed.

PRAISEWORTHY turned. His eyes narrowed slowly. "Are you talking to me, sir?"

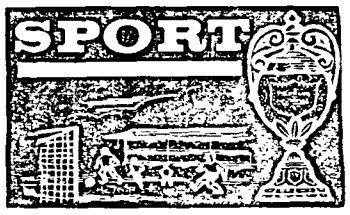
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The road agents galloped up and intercepted the coach.

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MAJOR TASK FOR MINORS

THE Knock-Out Cup competition brought something new to County cricket clubs and spectators last summer. Now the competition itself is to have something new—the stirring sight of the best among the Minor Counties pitting their strength against First-Class Counties.

The first round of the Gillette Cup—as it is now called to honour the sponsors of the competition—will have five Minor Counties teams. They are: Cambridgeshire (the champions), Wiltshire, Durham, Cheshire, and Hertfordshire.

On 8th May the first four of these will have home matches. The fifth club, Hertfordshire, will be playing at Durham.

NEW SWIMMING EVENTS

THE British national swimming championships next August will include five new events—Men's 110 yards back-stroke, 110 yards breast-stroke, and 110 yards butterfly; Women's 110 yards breast-stroke, and 220 yards back-stroke.

They are all Olympic distances, and by competing in them our swimmers will be getting more preparation for Tokyo in October.

ALL-ROUND ALFIE



SIXTY YEARS OF SCHOOLBOY SOCCER

THIS week sees the Fifth Round (First Round of the Competition proper) of the English Schools' Football Association trophy. Sixteen matches have to be completed on or before Saturday, 11th January.

This season also marks the Diamond Jubilee of the ESFA, and the following article on those 60 progressive years has been written for C N by: -

S.E. Tye

Secretary of the English Schools' Football Association

THE present season is the 60th of The English Schools' Football Association and of the Trophy Competition which was inaugurated in 1904 by the National Union of Teachers.

Last season Stoke-on-Trent Boys won the Trophy for the second season in succession, thus equalling the record established by Manchester in 1934 and 1935. Stoke's record in the Competition so far this season: played four, won four, goals for 27, against three. In the fifth round (First Round of the Competition proper) they meet Wolverhampton at home on or before 11th January.

Can they win the Trophy for the third season in succession? It will not be easy.

60 Glorious Years

The ESFA of today has 490 District Associations in membership, representing approximately 15,000 schools. There are 37 affiliated County Associations. Sixty years ago there were 21 affiliated Associations, 19 of whom played in the first season of the Trophy Competition.

The Trophy in those days was a shield presented by the National Union of Teachers, and medals were provided by the Football Association. The Final that season was played at Llandudno on Easter Monday, 1905, and London became the first holders of the Trophy by defeating Sheffield.

In the following season membership was increased to 41, and the Association has continued to grow ever since, to become the largest youth organisation of its kind in the world.

First International

In 1907 the ESFA organised the first-ever Schools' International Match, at Walsall, where England beat Wales by 3 goals to one. Four years later there came the first match between England and Scotland (a 1-1 draw), played at Newcastle.

When the First World War broke out in 1914, large numbers of teachers joined the forces and it seemed that it would be impossible to carry on the work of the Association. There was, however, no break at all in the Trophy Competition, and even the International matches against Wales and Scotland continued until 1917. When the war ended, the ESFA was soon in action again, and in 1934 Ireland joined the International sphere.

The original Shield was replaced in 1938 through the generosity of Mr. S. F. Gill (Member of the Council, 1911-1946, and Chairman 1922-24, 1939-46) who presented the present handsome Trophy which perpetuates his name in connection with the work of schools' football.

Remarkable Rise

Schools' football was stopped by the Second World War. When it was resumed there began a remarkable rise, not only in membership, but in the activities of the Association. The Trophy Competition now attracts more than 340 entries every season, and International Matches are also played against Eire (since 1947) and Germany (since 1956).

The Annual Schools' International Match at Wembley Stadium, begun in 1950 with Scotland as the opposition and before a crowd of 56,000, has become the showpiece of schools' football, and is regarded in many quarters as one of the highlights of the soccer season. This season Germany will be the visitors (on 25th April).

Proficiency Tests

It is the proceeds of these matches that enable the ESFA to assist District Associations and County Associations in their work of promoting and fostering the game. More than £4,000 is distributed in this way every year, in addition to large sums allocated to other branches of schools' sports apart from football.

One of the many activities of the ESFA is the organisation of Proficiency Tests for boys in Primary Schools. The Tests are conducted by Local Associations and Certificates are awarded to those boys who reach the required standard in the skills of the game. More than 3,000 Certificates were awarded last season.

Have you heard about these Tests? If not, you should ask the Secretary of your Local Association to tell you about them.

The ESFA can look back over the past 60 years with considerable satisfaction; and it is looking forward with confidence to the next 60!



The Stoke schoolboys' team with the ESFA trophy which they won last season for the second year in succession

There is a special match to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the English Schools' Football Association. This is:

England v Germany on the Middlesbrough Football Club ground on Monday, 27th April. For further details, write to: Mr. R. H. Grunwell, 53 Emerson Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough 89101 (home), 88479 (school).

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Acrostic (P. 3): 1 Washington. 2 Ivan. 3 Nelson. 4 Scott. 5 Telford. 6 Orleans. 7 Napoleon. 8 Cleopatra. 9 Handel. 10 Ulysses. 11 Raleigh. 12 Cromwell. 13 Hunt. 14 Isaac. 15 Lawrence. 16 Loyola—WINSTON CHURCHILL. **(P. 10): Six for a Scientist:** Inn, dollar, ruff, whale, axe, nail—DARWIN. **Achievements:** He discovered penicillin in 1928; he was first to climb Everest, 1953; she discovered radium; first man to swim the Channel, 1875; he founded the Salvation Army, in 1878.

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One for Each: Oslo; burrow; Kipling; Russia; bark; mile. **Birds, Please!** Penguin; ostrich; peacock; skylark.

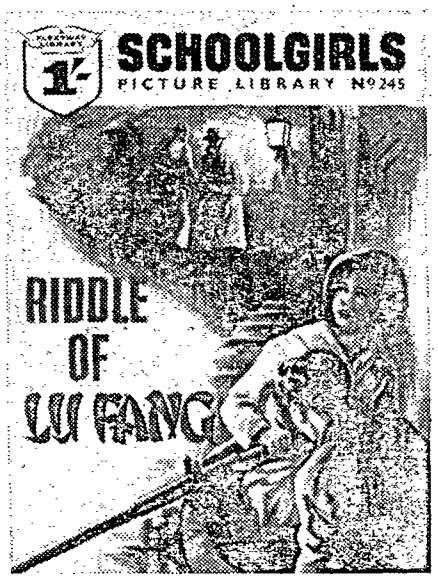
THAT SOCCER "CHARTER"

THE new arrangement which governs the schoolboy footballer and the professional club still appears to be causing some concern to Sports Masters.

In next week's C N there will be a specially-written article by Mr. Tye which will clarify the points still troubling masters. He will explain the conditions which both school and professional clubs must observe on the question of the schoolboy player.

Adventure unlimited!

A boy and girl meet a mysterious Chinese in an eerie curio shop. Then the trail leads on to the sinister "Golden Dragon" café and London's teeming dockland.



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